

MAYESVILLE INSTITUTE

Mayesville Institute, Mayesville, S. C.

Miss Emma J. Wilson, Principal

THE Mayesville Institute is a product of the development of a small school organized in 1892 by Miss Emma J. Wilson, who, through sympathetic aid, so successfully managed its affairs that in 1896 it was incorporated under the laws of South Carolina as the Mayesville Educational and

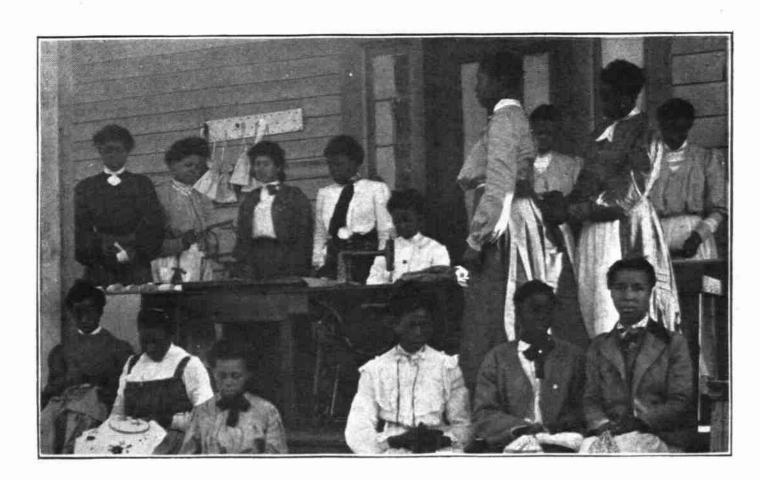
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Industrial Institute. The school is located fifty miles east of Columbia, thirty miles west of Florence, twenty-three miles north of Manning, and eighteen miles south of Bishopville, thus being in the midst of a dense population of Negro youth who need to be supplied with a good education. There are five substantial buildings. The main building is a large structure, forty-five by seventy-eight feet. The first floor is used for a chapel and two classrooms, the second for six class-rooms, and the third

for the boys' dormitory. The home for the girls is a two-story brick structure containing twenty rooms occupied by the girls

and some of the teachers. The trades building is a substantial brick structure with three commodious rooms where various trades for boys are taught. The bricks for this building were made by the students under a competent instructor, and the building was erected by the students in the brick-laying department.

The teachers' cottage, a neat eleven-room structure frame, was erected by the students. It represents an effort at self-help, as the colored people of the community contributed about \$500 towards it.



DRESSMAKING CLASS

The property is valued at \$30,000. The annual expenses are about \$7,000. Of this amount \$250 is secured from public-school funds, the balance from Northern and Southern philanthropists.